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## **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph 8 on pages 12-13 with the following amended paragraph:

The Merge RAM 116 holds per-merge ShapeID: heads and tails of the Transmit and Spent lists associated with the merge. NB [WHAT DOES "NB' MEAN?] due to their less frequent access, the Scan list head and tail are held in the Shape RAM to save pins.